



January 2012

London Towne Elementary

The Lions Roar

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Certainly it is not too late to wish you all a very **Happy New Year!** Here at school, we are energized to continue to meet the goals that we established back in August. An important theme this past semester has been the creation of Hopes, Dreams, and appropriate goals in our lives as students and staff members. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is the example we hold up to our children and we will be revisiting his life during Black History month as we continue to help our kids set and meet their academic goals. To quote Dr. King, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically... Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."

The performing arts are also so important in fulfilling Dr. King's 'function of education'. To demonstrate this, look no further than our upcoming Band and Strings concert this week. Please come out to enjoy the combined talents of our London Towne musicians!

I also never tire of thanking all of our parent volunteers for their support. We have many great events planned for February and will need your participation and help. Please come to our next PTA Membership meeting to find out about our plans and ways in which you can become involved.

Respectfully,

Sigrid Ryberg, Principal

A Letter from the PTA President

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year! Plans for 2012 are underway and there are some fun and exciting PTA-sponsored programs and events coming to London Towne. Some new programs include a Family Fitness Night in March, a Family Science Night in April, the Courtyard Outdoor Classroom Project, and the free After-School Clubs are back this spring.

Did you know that there is an outdoor courtyard in the center of our school? Plans are underway to improve this space to include shade trees, raised garden beds for science classes, and plantings for all to enjoy. If you are interested in environmental science, gardening, carpentry, or landscaping, your skills would be much appreciated. Please contact me at president@londontownepta.com and let me know how you would be willing to help.

Thanks to everyone who came out to support the Silent Auction, Bingo, and Chick Fil-A Spirit Nights in December, totaling almost \$6,000 in profit for the London Towne Parent-Teacher Association. These funds enable us to offer all the programs above, plus increased support for field trips, assemblies, classroom supplies, and technology purchases for the school.

Speaking of finances, this is the time of year when many are evaluating their household finances and budgets, and the PTA is no exception. The London Towne PTA has a revised budget for the spring that awaits approval by YOU, members of the PTA. As a PTA member, you have a voice and role in this important process! Please attend this month's PTA meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 8:30-9:30 a.m., to vote for the spring budget, so that all these programs can happen. You also won't want to miss a presentation by Ms. Karen Ambrose, London Towne's Advanced Academics Resource Teacher, entitled "The Many Faces of Giftedness." Find out why the AAP program makes a difference, and learn ideas about how to encourage academic growth and achievement in your child.

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Movie Night at London Towne!

February 3, 2012, from 6pm—8pm

We will be playing *Alvin and the Chipmunks* and *Dolphin Tales*. Food will be provided by the 6th grade committee. Pizza, hot dogs, chips, soda, candy and POPCORN will be for sale!

Don't miss the next PTA General Membership Meeting!

London Towne Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 25, 2012, from 8:30—9:30 a.m.

Program: "The Many Faces of Giftedness," Ms. Karen Ambrose (Advanced Academics Resource Teacher) *Including topics such as: Why Gifted and Enrichment Programs Make a Difference in Students' Lives, and Why Should I do This? Cultivating a Mindset for Growth & Achievement

Meeting business: Presentation of the revised PTA budget for spring programs and events. Come and find out what new and exciting things are being planned, and learn how you can get involved! After school programs, field trips, evening family nights, the annual Family Fun Fair, and more...

Volunteers Needed!

Winter is a great season to get involved at London Towne!

Some upcoming events and programs that need your help include:

1) Teacher and staff volleyball game, Deer Park Elementary vs. London Towne Elementary

Friday, April 20, 6-7:30pm

-help needed with concessions, fliers, ticket sales

2) Annual Family Fun Fair

Saturday, May 19, 11-3pm

-help needed with concessions, fliers, activities, and games

Contact Maria at president@londontownepta.com or 703-967-1479 if you are willing to help!

The Box Tops contest is here

Keep sending in those Box Tops!

The Grand Prize for the winning class will be a 90-minute private party at Pump it Up for the class. Turn in your Box Tops to your teacher by March 30th, 2012 to be eligible for the contest! Get those Box Tops in! Remember, they also earn money for your school!

A+ Bonus Bucks

We are currently at \$900+ with A+ Bonus Bucks with 78 people participating. You can still register your card and contribute! Let's beat last years count and go for \$3,000!

CONGRATULATIONS!
Michael McHenry is the winner of the PTA Teacher Raffle for the 2nd quarter! Thanks for all you do for London Towne and our students!

Save the Date!

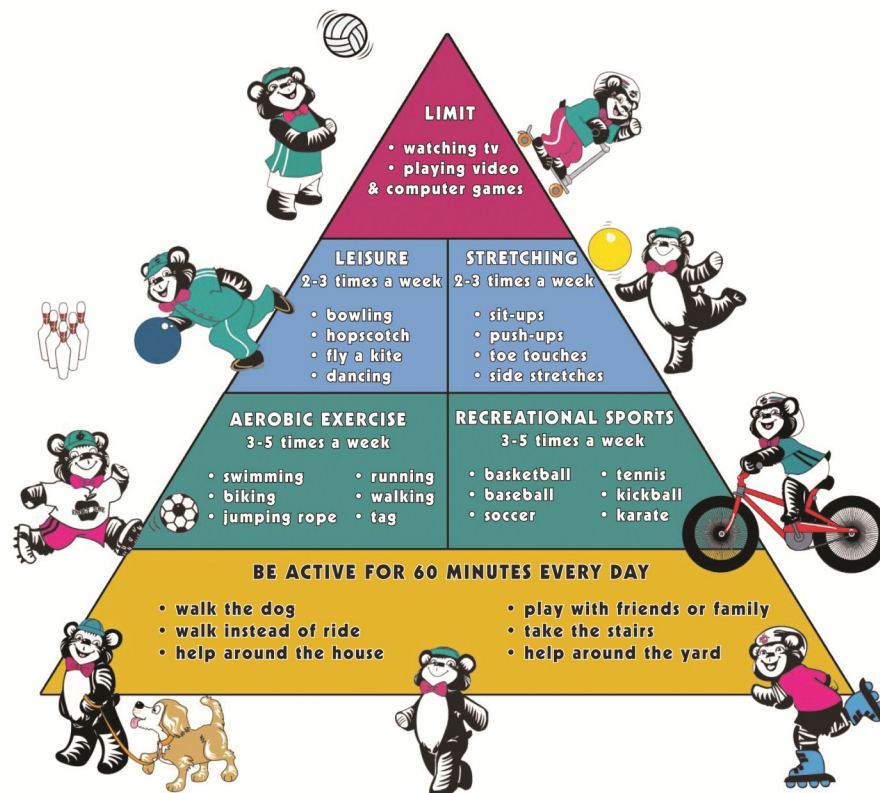
The Scholastic book fair will return
March 16th—March 23rd



Family Dance Night!

The theme is Valentine's Day and there will be a live DJ providing the music. We will raffle off tickets to Shadowland, gift cards, an Autographed Redskins mini-helmet, and more! Handmade carnations for sale, and pizza, breadsticks, drinks, candy and desserts for sale by the 6th grade class. Don't miss it!

The Exercise Pyramid



TIPS FOR FAMILIES:

EAT RIGHT

Choose healthy foods.

Increase whole-grain foods.

Eat fruits and vegetables especially dark green and orange.

Include calcium-rich foods such as low fat dairy products.

Select low fat meat, chicken, turkey and fish.

Avoid foods and beverages with sugar as the first ingredient.

EXERCISE

Be an active family.

Exercise 60 minutes per day

Include physical activities at family celebrations.

Limit TV and computer time.

Calendar of Events

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| Wednesday, January 25th, 8:30am—9:30am | PTA General Membership Mtg., Cafeteria featuring Karen Ambrose and the Advanced Academic Program |
| Thursday, February 2nd, 5pm-8pm | Spirit Night: McDonald's (K-3) |
| Friday, February 3rd, 6pm-8pm | Movie Night, Double Feature, Gym & Cafeteria |
| Thursday, February 9th, 5pm-8pm | Spirit Night: McDonald's (4-6) |
| Wednesday, February 15th, 7pm-8pm | PTA General Membership Meeting |
| Friday, February 17th, 7pm-9pm | PTA Family Dance |

2011-2012 PTA Board Members

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- Membership information and forms
- Volunteer information and committee contacts
- PTA Calendar
- PTA officer list and contacts

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